

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 12-13, 29, 31 and 33-35 are pending in this application.

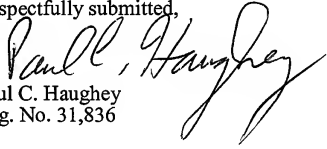
It is noted with appreciation that claims 29, 31 and 33-35 are allowed, and that claims 12, 13 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 12 has been so rewritten, and claim 13 is dependent on claim 12. The remaining claims have been canceled.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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